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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 were pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Hence, claims 1-12 remain pending. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,900 to Anand, et al. (hereinafter "Anand") in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,058,170 to Jagadish, et al. (hereinafter "Jagadish").

Claims 5 and 12, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anand in view of Jagadish as applied to claims 1 and 8, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,930,764 to Melchoine, et al. (hereinafter "Melchoine").

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to more particularly recite the Applicants' claimed invention. Support for the amendments may be found at, for example, pg. 3, ll. 15-17, among other places. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Applicant's respectfully traverse the rejection of all claims, as amended, since the prior art does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations. Specifically, claim 1 includes the limitation, "wherein at least a portion of the data maintained independently from the host computer site and input by the user is displayed as part of the requested report and wherein the independently-maintained data are comprised by data categories defined by the user," which is not taught or suggested by the cited references. The office action correctly states that Anand does not teach the unamended portion of this. Further, Jagadish does not teach both user-defined data *and* user-defined data categories. Thus, claim one is believed to be allowable.

It is important to point out the distinction between "data" and "data categories," both of which may be user defined according to the Applicants' claimed invention in contrast to the teachings of the cited references. At col. 3., l. 59 to col. 4., l. 9, for example, Jagadish discusses "summary parameters" and "summary information," which both appear to be

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analogous to "data categories" only (i.e., not data). Hence, even the Applicants' unamended claim 1 should be allowable over the cited references. The Applicants, however, have amended claim 1 to conclusively avoid the teachings of the cited references by making it clear that both data and data-categories may be user-defined. Jagadish only teaches that the summary parameters may be user defined. While the summary information may be *requested* by the user, the actual data is not user defined. Thus, even if Jagadish could be read so broadly so as to define "summary parameters" to be "data" (which is not the case), Jagadish does not teach both data and data categories being user defined and claim 1 is believed to be allowable, at least for this reason.
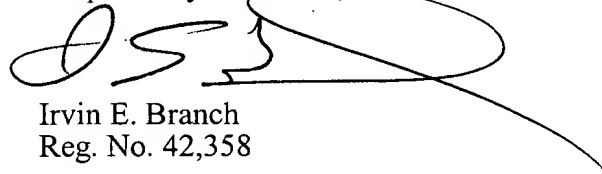
Claim 8 includes a similar limitation and is believed to be allowable, at least for the same reasons. The remaining claims depend from either of claim 1 and claim 8 and are believed to be allowable, at least for the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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